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SUBJECT: SHOE LEATHER SHIPMENTS TO CHILE

1. VIRGINIA SENATOR BYRD'S OFFICE CALLED TODAY TO PRESENT
PROBLEM OF CRADDOCK-TERRY SHOE COMPANY OF LYNCHBURG,
VIRGINIA.

2. CRADDOCK-TERRY (C-T) HAS PURCHASED ONE-HALF MILLION
FEET OF LEATHER FROM FOUR ARGENTINE LEATHER SUPPLIERS:
CUEROS ARGENTINOS, ANTONIO GIBAUT, CURTIMBRE HISPANO
ARGENTINA AND MANUFACTURA DEL CUERO. (THE SENATOR'S
OFFICE HAD NO ADDRESS FOR THE COMPANIES, BUT HOPED THAT
THEY COULD BE REACHED THROUGH THE ARGENTINE LEATHER TRADE
ASSOCIATION).

3. THE FOUR COMPANIES WERE TO SHIP THE LEATHER TO A
CHILEAN COMPANY, CUTIMBRE TALCA, S.A. OF TALCA CHILE
WHICH WAS TO TAN IT AND SHIP IT TO LYNCHBURG. THE
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SEEM TO HAVE DISRUPTED SHIPMENT OF THE LEATHER.

4. SENATOR BYRD'S OFFICE WOULD APPRECIATE THE EMBASSY
BRINGING CRADDOCK-TERRY'S PROBLEM TO THE ATTENTION OF THE
GOA AFTER VERIFYING THE FACTS. VANCE

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